

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2 and 5-19 are all the claims pending in the application.

Preliminarily, Applicant notes that an Information Disclosure Statement is submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the disclosed information and return an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 form with the next communication from the PTO.

On page 2 of the Office Action, in paragraph 2, claims 1, 2, 8, 9 and 13-15 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of copending application No. 10/948,470.

In response, attached hereto is a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to U.S. Application No. 10/948,470, thereby overcoming the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

On page 2 of the Office Action claims 5-7, 10-12, and 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The objection is overcome since the rejection of the base claim is overcome by the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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